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ROME FOR FODAG

1. IN CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM APRIL 17 ARE
AMBASSADOR GHORBAL PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE ASKING USG
SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATURE DR. SAYED MAREI "TO PRESIDE OVER
THE FIRST SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL." AIDE-
MEMOIRE CITED MAREI'S WORK WITH WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND
MENTIONED THAT DURING UNOFFICIAL CONSULTATIONS NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 24 SOME DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT MAREI
HEAD FORTHCOMING FIRST SESSION.

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2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM COMMENTED ON MAREI'S

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WFC
AND INDICATED THAT HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL WOULD BE LOGICAL. HE PROMISED SYMPATHETIC CONSID-
ERATION BY USG.

3. ARE EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY HAS ADVISED MAREI WILLING
SERVE BEYOND JUNE SESSION SHOULD THIS BE WISH OTHER
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. OUR OWN THOUGHT HAS BEEN THAT COUNCIL
PRESIDENTS MIGHT SERVE FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS IN ORDER
PROVIDE SOME DEGREE OF CONTINUITY IN COUNCIL'S WORK. ON

OTHER HAND SEE NO REASON WHY SYSTEM OF A TWO-YEAR TERM
MIGHT NOT BEGIN WITH SECOND SESSION SINCE FIRST COUNCIL
WILL BE LARGELY ORGANIZATIONAL.

4. PRESENT FEELING IS LET MATTERS DEVELOP DEPENDING ON
DESIRES MAREI. WFC RESOLUTION XXII, WHICH RECOMMENDED
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, SPECIFICALLY CALLS FOR ELECTION OF
THE PRESIDENT "ON THE BASIS OF GEOGRAPHICAL ROTATION"
BUT NO MENTION IS MADE OF TERM PRESIDENT WOULD SERVE. KISSINGER

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